

# WHAT IS JOB CORPS?



JOB CORPS is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded job training and education program for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 through 24. Established in 1964, Job Corps has trained and educated more than 2 million young people to date, serving approximately 65,000 young adults each year.

## Where is Job Corps?

There are currently 122 Job Corps centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. To support all of the centers, Job Corps also manages outreach, admissions and career transition operations at hundreds of locations nationwide.

## Training and Education

The Career Development Services System (CDSS) is Job Corps' approach for providing seamless services to students, including recruitment, education, career training, job assistance and transitional support services after graduation. Upon joining Job Corps, each student works with staff to develop an individualized Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP) to stay on track for success.

Students receive hands-on career training in more than 100 occupational areas including health occupations, construction-related fields, culinary arts, business and technology-related industries. They can also participate in on-the-job training at real work sites through work-based learning opportunities. In the academic classroom, students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or GED, and learn employability and independent living skills.

While enrolled in the program, students receive housing, meals, basic medical care and biweekly living allowances. Job Corps also has a strict Zero Tolerance Policy for drugs and violence. Since Job Corps is a self-paced program and lengths of stay vary, students may remain enrolled for up to two years.

## After Graduation

Through employer partnerships, Job Corps places trained graduates, who are familiar with industry procedures and equipment, with local, regional and national employers. Employers save time and money by hiring skilled workers who are ready to work immediately.

Job Corps has one of the highest job placement rates among the nation's job training programs. Approximately 90 percent of Job Corps graduates go on to careers in the private sector, enlist in the military or move on to higher education or advanced training programs.

Job Corps graduates receive transitional support services, including help locating housing, child care and transportation, for up to 18 months after they leave the program.

*For additional information on Job Corps, please visit:  
<http://jobcorps.doleta.gov>.*

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A map of the United States showing state names and abbreviations. The map is color-coded by region: West (purple), Midwest (blue), South (orange), and Northeast (green). The map includes state names and abbreviations, as well as major cities and geographical features. A legend at the bottom left indicates that states with an asterisk (\*) are 'Coming Soon'.

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